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Dear Mr. McHugh:

I refer to your letter of February 28 regarding interest in the case of Mr. Anibal Jorge Viton, who remains in detention in Rawson prison in Argentina. B6

Our Embassy in Buenos Aires has recently informed us that the application of Mr. Viton for the right of option to leave Argentina had been denied by the Government of Argentina (GOA) on March 14.

As the existing policy of the GOA requires a wait of six months before another right of option application may be initiated by the detainee, Mr. Viton will not be able to submit another request until September of this year.

We wish to assure that the Ambassador and various members of his staff shall follow up in every way on Mr. Viton's case and that we will continue our efforts in his behalf. B6

Sincerely,

J. Brian Atwood
Assistant Secretary
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The Honorable
Matthew F. McHugh
House of Representatives.

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